

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Ryan (D-Niles) received his top pick for a new committee assignment today when the House Democratic Steering Committee elected Ryan to serve on the exclusive House Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee has jurisdiction over approximately \$873 billion in federal spending for FY 2007.

"I'm honored to be chosen to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, and I welcome the challenges and responsibilities that come with this prestigious appointment," said Congressman Ryan.

Ryan's bid for the Appropriations Committee received a boost when House Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi appointed Ryan to a position on the Steering Committee-enabling him to advocate on his own behalf as the Steering Committee met to decide new committee assignments.

"This is tremendous news for the 17<sup>th</sup> District, and I look forward to using my new position to promote more opportunities for economic development throughout our region and Ohio."